

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

February 25, 1999 Hearing Room B

4:30 p.m. Tape 20

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Charles Starr, Chair

Sen. Lee Beyer

Sen. Kate Brown

Sen. Neil Bryant

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Randy Miller, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Brian E. Smith, Administrator

Rachel E. Halupowski, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Drafting and Measure Introduction Request

SB 368 Work Session

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 20, A		
000	Chair Starr	Opens meeting at 4:50 p.m. and opens work session for drafting requests and LCs for possible introduction.
006	Brian E. Smith	Lists draft requests and LCs for possible introduction.
017	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves LCs: 1377 dated 2/25/99, 2270 dated 2/23/99, 2998-1 dated 2/22/99, 3740 dated 2/23/99, 3817 dated 2/23/99, and 4032 dated 2/24/99 BE INTRODUCED

		as committee bills, and drafting and introduction requests from Sen. Starr and Health and Human Services Committee be approved.
		VOTE: 3-0 EXCUSED: 2 ñ Bryant, Miller
	Chair Starr	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED .
028	Chair Starr	Closes work session and opens public hearing for SB 368.
<u>SB 368 WORK SESSION</u>		
030		Staff presents (EXHIBIT A).
031	Smith	Explains SB 368 is the Omnibus Elections Law bill.
038	Colleen Sealock	Director, Elections Division. States there are several districts (specifically irrigation districts) that require the voter to be a land owner. States the current statutory scheme has the county clerk not only verifying the voterís signature, but also that the voter is a land owner. States many county clerks give that portion of the qualification to the county assessor. States by having the county assessor sign off the voter is a land owner, the county clerks are still responsible for verifying both areas. Explains the county clerks are offering an amendment to allow a candidate to run for one position, on one board, at one time. States candidates would be prohibited from running for multiple positions for one board. States Section 50 clarifies and sets a date for all abstracts concerning all elections. States Section 51 adds that candidates for newly formed library districts can also now file for nomination by a declaration, where currently they are filed by petition. States Section 51 creates uniformity. Urges the committee to adopt the ñ1 and ñ2 amendments and pass SB 368 as amended.
119	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 368ñ1 amendments dated 2/4/99, AMENDING the ñ1 amendments by deleting lines 9 through 14.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 ñ Miller
	Chair Starr	The motion CARRIES .

125	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 368 and amendments dated 2/23/99.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: 4 and Sen. Beyer, Brown, Bryant, Starr EXCUSED: 1 and Sen. Miller
	Chair Starr	The motion CARRIES.
134	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves SB 368 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 and Sen. Miller
	Chair Starr	The motion CARRIES. SEN. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.
138	Chair Starr	Closes work session on SB 368 and adjourns meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Rachel E. Halupowski, Brian E. Smith,
Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A and SB 368, -1 and and amendments, staff, 8 pp